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## SUPREME VENERABLE CONGRATULATED

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., center, receives congratulations on his re-election by acclamation from Past Grand Venerable Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, Mass., left, convention general chairman, and Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, Mass. (Election story on Page 5.)

## Convention Acts On Mafia

### Three Resolutions Adopted

BOSTON — Delegates to the Supreme Lodge convention here adopted three resolutions dealing with various phases of the Order's fight to puncture the myth of the Mafia "bogey man." The principal resolution gave the Supreme Venerable power to take "positive and lawful steps" to combat those Hollywood and television producers who "persist in the unfair practice of stereotyping a nationality group."

#### "Lawful Boycott"

This resolution calls for a "lawful boycott" of the products of sponsors of such programs if such a step is necessary to end the current trend to violence in stories, Italian names for characters playing hoodlums and reference to the Mafia in scripts.

Another resolution praises the press of the United States for a "definite improvement in the handling and news treatment of

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the word Mafia." This resolution pointed out the improvement supports the contention that most writers by misusing the word Mafia did so unwittingly and without thought of stigmatizing millions of Americans of Italian origin.

The third resolution commended Walter H. Annenberg, publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer and other publications, for his refusal to publish in serial form the controversial book, "The Mafia — Brotherhood of Evil."

The resolution stated that the author of the book in his material, "perpetrates, perhaps unwittingly, an unwarranted slander and cruel injustice upon millions of innocent, God-fearing, and law-abiding citizens of Italian origin."

## Purple is Now Official Color

BOSTON—Purple is now the official color of the Order. The color was approved unanimously by delegates to the 26th biennial Supreme convention following the recommendation of the Ritual Committee.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside, Pa., committee chairman, also recommended the acceptance of the Purple Aster as the official flower for the Order. The measure was also approved unanimously.

The selection of the color and emblem is the culmination of a move started two years ago to have the color purple worn or displayed on October 12 each year in honor of Christopher Columbus.

Delegates also approved the

revision of the Ritual of the Order and the adoption of a modernized charter form to replace current charters now being issued by the Supreme Lodge.

The new format of the charter retains the busts of Dante and Columbus and the lion.

The wording of the charter is the same with the addition of the word "Canada" inserted in appropriate places to give recognition to the Canadian Grand Lodges. The new charter has purple ribbons affixed to it to represent the color of the Order.

Also approved was a color change in the Order's standard used at meetings. The lion and seal is gold and the background is now purple.

## BOSTON CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

### CREATE FOUNDATION FOR NATIONAL HOME

By ALBERT A. MAINO

BOSTON—Delegates to the 26th Supreme convention approved the establishment of a Sons of Italy Foundation to erect a national memorial home to help perpetuate the arts and culture of Italy and Italian-Americans in the United States.

John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national home chairman, announced in his report the kick-off of a \$400,000 national fund raising campaign for the foundation which will build a national memorial home in Washington, D. C., to house the Order's National Historical Society.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum now located at Staten Island, N. Y., will be moved to Washington upon completion of the proposed building at 1600 Massachusetts avenue, N.W.

Volpe asked for a concerted effort on the part of members in this country and Canada so that the goal may be achieved by March 1960.

Actual construction of the building in Washington will not be started until the \$400,000 goal has been realized, he said.

Raise \$3.00 per Member.

The committee does not recommend that members be assessed in this drive. We feel that members should assume the moral obligation of raising a minimum of \$3.00 each. If each member of the Order will go out and raise the small sum of \$3.00

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## Prelate's Dinner

### Judge Julian Named Speaker

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal District Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Mass., will be principal speaker at the dinner to be given by the Order in honor of Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate to the United States, Saturday evening, October 31, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Announcement was made by Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., general chairman, who presided at a meeting of the general committee held at the home of Dr. Raffael G. Urciolo, a member of the Roma Lodge.

#### Former U. S. Attorney

Judge Julian, who served six years as U. S. Attorney for Massachusetts prior to his recent appointment as a Federal Judge, has been a member of the Order for more than 25 years.

He is a graduate of Boston College and Harvard Law School, where he received his law degree in 1929.

Brother Julian has served the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as grand trustee, a member of the FUM, assistant grand venerable, and was elected Grand Venerable in 1945 and served until 1951.

In 1957 he was appointed

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## MARCONI AWARD PRESENTATION

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, right, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, accepts Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi Award, from Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., at Supreme Lodge convention banquet.

## Alessandrini Tribute

BOSTON—President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, was presented the Order's second Marconi Award at ceremonies here.

The Order's highest award is given in memory of Guglielmo Marconi to the individual who best exemplifies the principles and ideals of the noted Italian-born inventor.

More than 600 persons, including Supreme and Grand Lodge officers, Supreme delegates, civic and religious leaders and public officials paid tribute to Judge Alessandrini at the convention

banquet held in the main ballroom of the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel.

Speakers included Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, who made the presentation; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, City Council President Gabriel Piemonte, representing Mayor John B. Hynes; Domenic Agro-

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## It's Washington, D. C. in 1961

BOSTON — The 1961 Supreme convention or the Order Sons of Italy in America will be held in Washington, D. C.

The site was approved by delegates following a report made by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia, committee chairman.

Biagi reported that his committee favored the approval of the city of Washington because of the Order's project to erect a national memorial home there under the auspices of the newly

established Sons of Italy Foundation.

#### Committee's Views

"The committee is of the opinion," he said, "that the home may very well be constructed by the summer of 1961 and that it is only fitting that we hold the Supreme Convention in the nation's capital in conjunction with the inauguration of the new home. If perhaps it is not completed by that time then we can give added stimulus to the drive

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# Re-adopt 7-Point Program

BOSTON—The Order's 7-point Immigration Program adopted at the 1957 Supreme convention was re-adopted and reaffirmed by delegates at the 26th biennial Supreme convention.

The measure was introduced by Atty. Samuel A. Culotta, Baltimore, Grand Venerable of the Maryland Order and convention chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee.

Culotta called for re-adoption of the program because "none of its objectives have been enacted into law" and to some extent "some of the objectives are incorporated in various bills submitted to Congress and recommended as administration proposals by the President of the United States."

## Endorse Legislation

In other resolutions, delegates:

Endorsed and urged the passage by Congress of H. R. 5896, which would permit the re-establishment of family units that have been separated for long periods of time through no fault of their own; also H. R. 6118, which will provide for a two-year extension of discretionary authority in the Attorney General to grant waivers of exclusion in the

case of certain aliens afflicted with tuberculosis, and extend the 1957 law under which eligible orphans may enter the United States outside of the immigration quota, for one year.

Endorsed S. 925 by Senator Keating, S. 1996, by Senator Kennedy, and S. 2358 by Senator Humphrey, with Senators Clark, Morse, McNamara, Pastore, Green, Hart, Murray, Neuberger, McCarthy, Williams of New Jersey and Gruening, as co-sponsors, because said bills are consistent with the Order's Immigration Program.

Also endorsed: H. R. 16, by Representative Celler; H. R. 48, by Representative Boland; H. R. 1794, by Representative Bow; H. R. 613, by Representative Philbin; H. R. 2903, and H. R. 2904, by Representative Libonati; H. R. 3033, by Representative Machrowicz; H. R. 3088, by Representative Walter; H. R. 3344, by Representative O'Neill; H. R. 3975, by Representative Lane, and H. R. 5479, by Representa-

## Seven Points

Here is the Order's 7-point Immigration Program which was re-adopted at the 26th biennial Supreme convention held in Boston.

- (1) To adopt the 1950 in lieu of the 1920 Census to establish annual quotas;
- (2) To re-allocate un-used quotas to countries having over-subscribed quotas;
- (3) To abolish mortgages on quotas;
- (4) To grant more favorable preferences to relatives of United States citizens;
- (5) To equalize citizenship between native born and naturalized citizens;
- (6) To humanize some of the harsh provisions of the present immigration law relative to admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens;
- (7) To revise and extend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

tive Glenn, because all bills, to a substantial degree, are consistent with the Immigration Program of the Order.

## Cloudburst Fails To Dampen Spirits

### Delegates Treated To Clambake

BOSTON — Delegates and visiting members to the Supreme convention were treated to an old-fashioned New England clambake at the Sons of Italy Park in Brockton.

For many of the delegates it was their first encounter with a lobster.

Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle, Wash., supreme delegate and past grand venerable of the Northwest Grand Lodge, was among those attending his first clambake. Commenting on the experience, he said, "Back home we have what we call salmon bakes, we generally hold them down on the beaches . . . but this is all new to me."

## Rain Scatters Group

A torrential cloudburst, whipped by lightning and claps of thunder, sent the large group scurrying for shelter, but failed to dampen their festive spirits. Within a half-hour clearing skies brought the group out into the open again.

Earlier in the day, the dele-

gates' wives and children were taken on a tour of Plymouth's historical sites. The bus arrived at the park minutes before the downpour.

Attendance prizes were won by Supreme Trustee Ubaldo N. Marino, Ossining, N. Y., given a transistor radio, and Lucille Cardinale, Medford, Mass., who received a handbag.

Joseph Furnari, W. Roxbury, was chairman of the bake. He was assisted by members of the two host Brockton Lodges.

## Delegates Visit Don Orione Home For Aged

BOSTON — Several hundred delegates and visiting members to the Supreme convention toured the Don Orione Home in East Boston.

The visitors were welcomed by Rev. Fr. Rocco Crescenzi, director of the home, at a breakfast held in the auditorium.

Pasquale Villa, a guest at the home, welcomed the group on behalf of the other aged guests.

## Speakers

Other speakers included John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national home chairman and a member of the advisory staff of Don Orione Home; Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, and Past Grand Venerable Joseph B. Silverio, convention general chairman. Others at the head table included Federal District Judge Anthony Julian, and Rev. Fr. Stephen Pedica, of the Vatican Radio in Rome, Italy.

The three-story home with adjacent chapel and auditorium was constructed through funds raised by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Earlier in the day, delegates and visiting members attended a memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, pastor and Supreme Chaplain of the Order, was celebrant.

A tour of historical sites of Boston followed in the afternoon.

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pino, representing Gov. Foster Furcolo; John E. Powers, president of the Massachusetts Senate; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain, and John A. Volpe, national home chairman.

Atty. Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, Past Grand Venerable of Massachusetts, convention chairman, was toastmaster.

## Presentation

In making the presentation, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said, "All too often, we cannot see the forest because of the trees . . ." Judge Alessandrone, he said, has made tremendous contributions to the Order and to his community.

"Every man and woman must set aside some part of their time to serve their community," he said, noting that the recipient has been serving the Order and his community for some fifty years.

Speaking of some of the attributes which have made Judge Alessandrone a leader, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said, "His keen mind, and his deep understanding of the Order's problems, make it seem almost a simple task in the way he approaches them and arrives at a solution."

## Acceptance Remarks

In accepting the award, Judge Alessandrone said . . . "This tribute you pay me tonight does not belong to me but to the Sons of Italy of Pennsylvania . . . for their bearing and tolerance. It will go to the trophy room in the Sons of Italy Building in Philadelphia."

Judge Alessandrone said, "The Italo-American who does not give of himself to the community is not worthy to be a member of the community."

Grand Venerable D'Agostino extended the greetings of the host Massachusetts Grand Lodge and offered the congratulations of the entire Massachusetts membership to the guest of honor.

Agropino, a member of Governor Furcolo's staff, extended the

## Judge Alessandrone's Speech

Here are excerpts of Judge Alessandrone's remarks in acceptance of the Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi Award:

"I am aware of the significance of this award . . . it should not have been given to me.

"The first recipient, Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff lived a great deal of his life with Guglielmo Marconi. It should be going outside of the Order.

"What have I ever done to deserve this award, when looking at the life of Marconi.

"There is no parallel of contact but an expression . . . 'communication.'

"From the beginning of time man has been trying to find ways of communicating with his fellow man.

"It would have been impossible for the Order to have been founded without communication.

" . . . Marconi worked all of his life to cut the distance in communication — now we have radio, TV and the like.

"Communication—it is like a grouping of numbers, as a mother to her children, and that of newspapers to the public.

"You are here because someone

communicated the gospel of the Order to you.

" . . . The Order is consisted on faith that will not be diverted. "This award this evening belongs not to me but belongs to the Sons of Italy of Pennsylvania—for their bearing and tolerance. It will go to the trophy room in the Sons of Italy building.

" . . . The Italo-American who does not give of himself to the community is not worthy to be a member of that community.

"Devote your energies to the Order and set an example and communicate with your neighbor and eventually you will win him over to the Order.

"There is much work to be done . . . much has happened since 1923, when I became Grand Venerable. Here we are in 1959—and the Mafia.

"We will put it down, but without thunder or bad taste, but we will do it. We will find peace of mind in our fight with God's will.

" . . . When I was 18, I was alien to my people, but I learned and vowed that my work was with the Sons of Italy, and to this end I will continue to work."

## Eulogy to Palmer Di Giulio

### Convention Resolutions

BOSTON — Delegates to the 26th biennial Supreme convention eulogized the passing of Palmer DiGiulio, Joliet, Ill., former chairman of the Order's Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The resolution said in part:

"Brother DiGiulio was endowed with great qualities and virtues of perseverance, honesty, and strength of character, and he gave to the Order Sons of Italy the affection of his heart and the labours of his mind."

Pope John XXIII was lauded for his vigorous opposition to terrorism and doctrines of false liberties in all countries of the world, and delegates reaffirmed their faith "in his every effort in the promotion of peace and the elimination of evil throughout the world, and we beseech Almighty God to grant unto the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope John XXIII, health and vigor, that he may continue his

promotion of peace and religious freedom throughout the world."

President Eisenhower received the praise of delegates for his "energetic and relentless efforts for peace and his continued fight against Communism and other activities which are subversive to our American ideals."

Delegates expressed appreciation to Gov. Foster Furcolo for "his warm and endearing hospitality to us," and noted their admiration for "his integrity, ability and dedication to public duty."

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, hosts for the five-day convention, and Atty. Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, Mass., convention general chairman, received the plaudits of delegates "for kindnesses and courtesies, particularly for the immensely enjoyed social programs which promoted a high spirit of camaraderie and esprit de corps."

greetings of the Massachusetts chief executive.

He lashed out against the free and easy use of the word Mafia by the press, TV and movies in what he termed "an insidious campaign against our ethnic group."

"During World War II," he said, "we had more boys overseas than any other nationality group in this country."

He said the Sons of Italy "can combat this," adding that "not even a joke of this kind should be left unanswered."

## Order "A Miracle"

Monsignor Pallotta termed the Order Sons of Italy in America "a living miracle."

"All through history," he said, "the Italians have been individualists, and here we see a free organization of such a large number molded into one unit."

The Order's Supreme Chaplain told of the cooperation he received from members of the Massachusetts Order following

the end of the World War II, when they assisted in raising \$79,000 and 400 tons of food and clothing for war-torn Italy.

He called the Sons of Italy "a glorious organization."

## National Home

Volpe, the Order's national home chairman and banquet chairman, announced to his audience the establishment of the Sons of Italy Foundation and the Order's goal of \$400,000 to erect a memorial home in Washington, D. C.

He said, "the home will also serve as a memorial to the hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants who came here to make a new life and give opportunity of expression to their children."

He urged the cooperation of every member of the Order in the drive so that "we may have it erected by 1961 for our Supreme convention to be held in Washington," he said.

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# We'll Hit Where It'll Hurt Most

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Lawful boycott! That will be our most potent weapon in combatting those forces who persist in picturing Americans of Italian origin as throat-slitting gangsters and hoodlums. For months now we have tried to make Hollywood and television producers understand our position. We have made every reasonable overture. But this has failed so we now have no recourse but to show that we have teeth that bite, we will hit back where it will hurt the most—the POCKETBOOK.



**MARCELLO** The Order is now on record. Delegates to the Supreme Lodge convention at Boston in August voted overwhelmingly to give our Supreme Venerable the power to initiate steps calling for a nation-wide boycott of products sold by companies sponsoring programs which dote on Mafia theme. And we will do just that if the entertainment world leaves us no other avenue.

We believe that we have proven our case. There is no Mafia in the United States. On our side we have a number of crime experts and top government officials, including the Attorney General of the United States. We have tried to show all concerned that as far as American activities are concerned the Mafia is a legend and that it has been used by some enforcement agencies as a "bogey man" to secure lush appropriations for their respective departments.

## Some Still Persistent

Some television producers have had a change in heart since we first announced our campaign to riddle the myth of the Mafia bogey man, but there are those who still persist in their plans to present a number of products which will serve no purpose other than to mislead millions of Americans in accepting fiction for fact. Because of this, legions of law abiding Americans of Italian origin will suffer more slander, more character defamation.

Since early Spring we have tried to show members of the Order the many pitfalls in our campaign. We have repeatedly said that once we were committed to a course of action there would be no turning back. We are well on our way now in our fight. Right must be done no matter what the weapons.

## Enlist Full Support

We know that we can enlist the support of every American with Italian blood flowing in his veins. There are millions of them, and many are in high places. The number of men and women of Italian descent in the United States has been variously placed at 12 million to 20 million. We believe the latter figure is more accurate. If you are skeptical then we suggest doing what we did—study the immigration figures of Italians to America and do a bit of multiplying. You will be surprised, as we were, by the answer.

At any rate we are powerful enough in number to make our influence felt. This is an alert. If the current trend in entertainment continues there will be a call to arms.

## WILL YOU BE READY?

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chairman of the Order's National Insurance Committee by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi.

### Additional Speakers

Other speakers will include Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain, Revere, Mass.; Archbishop Vagnozzi, Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio; John McLaughlin, president of the board of commissioners; the Most Rev. Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle, archbishop of the archdiocese of Washington, and the Most Rev. Msgr. William MacDonald, rector, Catholic University of America.

Brother Errigo will serve as toastmaster.

A reception will be tendered the honored guest prior to the banquet.

The committee on table reservations will reserve tables for state delegations. Supreme Deputy William Amoroso is committee chairman. He is being assisted by Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta, Baltimore, Md.,

secretary; Mrs. Maria DiSalvo Schmidt and Errigo.

Ticket price is \$10.00 per person for the roast beef dinner.

Brother Culotta, who is also serving as ticket chairman, announced that tickets have been distributed to the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Roma Lodge.

Tickets may be purchased by writing to Samuel A. Culotta, 2430 Kentucky Ave., Baltimore, Md.

All reservations must be accompanied by a check in full payment of the tickets ordered. Checks should be made to the order of Americo DeMartinis, treasurer.

### Gorrasi Urges Participation

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi has urged members residing within a 150-mile radius of Washington to attend the dinner.

"We urge these members because of their close proximity to Washington, yet, we would like to have members attend from greater distances," he said.

The next meeting of the general committee will be held in Washington October 24.

# "LAWFUL BOYCOTT" RESOLUTION

The following is the complete text of a resolution adopted at the August sessions of the Supreme Lodge convention in Boston. Copies of the resolution have been mailed to every major motion picture studio in Hollywood, all the television networks, sponsors, government officials and radio and television newspaper columnists in key cities throughout the United States.

WHEREAS, a number of Hollywood and television producers have announced plans for the exhibition of shows based on the alleged Mafia; and

WHEREAS, it appears that segments of the entertainment industry are persisting in the unfair practice of stereotyping a nationality group, the effect of which is to defame and degrade millions of honorable and law-abiding citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, said productions presented under the guise of entertainment arouse hatred and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the proposed productions are in direct contradiction of the truth and established facts; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the United States has publicly stated, "... there is no such organization consisting solely of criminals of any particular national origin"; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General's statement is further supported by the fact that no investigative or other governmental agency has evidence of the existence of a Mafia in this country; and

WHEREAS, the announced intention of certain film and TV producers to present shows highlighting the Mafia theme can only result in the face of uncontrovertible facts in the continuing slander of decent and law-abiding citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the delegates to the Supreme Lodge, Order of the Sons of Italy in America, in convention assembled at Boston, Massachusetts, on this 24th day of August, 1959 do hereby empower the Supreme Venerable to serve notice upon all such sponsors and producers of the planned shows aforesaid, of our condemnation of said productions, and to demand they desist from this course of action, and failing therein the Supreme Venerable is further empowered to take such positive and lawful steps as to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution including a lawful boycott of the products of such sponsors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to those who may be responsible as sponsors and producers of such planned productions.

## Letters From Our Readers

Paul F. Longo

Assistant Grand Venerable,  
Florida Grand Lodge

Dear Brother Marcello:

I have read your interesting article "A Bogey Man and His Myth," over and over again. And the more I read the more I enjoy it. What you had to say puts in a true light what some persons are doing to place our people in an unfavorable light.

How long are we to permit this situation to exist, a situation which is seriously damaging our precious heritage as Italians.

I have mailed today another three copies of the newspaper La Gaceta of Tampa, which carried the reproduction of the part of OSIA NEWS about the "Bogey Man" and Mafia. I hope you received the previous number, August 14th issue, which I sent you for your files.

This morning I received the OSIA NEWS and I found it to be a very outstanding publication concerning the determination to fight and clear, all the way through, the good name of our Italian-American citizens all over the United States.

I do believe our efforts should be expanded further so that all persons from all walks of life in the United States will come to know and understand our problem.

I congratulate you. I am certain that all members of the Order will support you and the Supreme Council in this campaign.

Frank C. DiPrima

Upper Darby, Pa.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This cheap attempt, directly or otherwise, to smear a race which has so greatly contributed to the building of this great God-blessed country by brain and brawn from its discovery up to date, with the name of Mafia is very disturbing.

OSIA NEWS is to be commended for its campaign against this abuse: Italian-Americans everywhere, however should not be content to sit back and let OSIA NEWS carry on the fight alone. For if we are to win, every one of us must help, not by useless talk, but by our deeds.

## Ford Company's Letter

Just prior to the Supreme Lodge convention in Boston the Order's National Chairman on Public Relations wrote a number of letters in the opening of a new move in the organization's campaign against the Mafia "bogey man." These letters were directed to a number of sponsors of television shows as well as Hollywood movie officials.

Among these letters was one to Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co., asking Mr. Ford to withdraw his sponsorship of a television program based on the Mafia.

The Order has since received a reply to this letter. It follows:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is in reply to your recent letter to Mr. Henry Ford II regarding a report that the Ford Motor Company is planning to sponsor a television program on the Mafia.

The report you read was correct in that this subject has been considered for one television program in a series of 39 special television programs which we will sponsor beginning in October. Although such a subject has been under consideration, the final decision on it was dependent on the development of a proper and interesting story which might be of unusual interest to the television viewing public.

As you indicated in your letter, there evidently has been a great deal of misunderstanding about the Mafia in this country. This apparently has increased substantially during the past year or two. While we certainly want to take advantage of public interest in scheduling programs which will be highlights of the coming television season, we do not want to be a party to intensifying such mis-conceptions with resulting detrimental effects on many people whom we feel to be good friends of Ford. Such factors are playing an important part in our considerations as this television series develops.

At the present time it is most unlikely that the reported program on the Mafia will be produced. Please be assured that the sentiments expressed in your letter have been and will continue to be given every consideration in this and any other instances which may come up.

We appreciate your writing us as you did.

Sincerely,

John R. Bowers, Manager  
Car Advertising Dept.

## Convention Jottings

A standing ovation was accorded Mr. John Gorrasi, 78-year-old father of Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, when he was introduced from the audience at the Supreme Lodge convention banquet.

Supreme Council officers and state chairmen of the Order's National Home Committee were guests at an afternoon buffet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Volpe, of Winchester, Mass. Brother Volpe is national chairman of the home fund drive.

Grand Trustee D. M. Alberti, Chicago, a musician of many years and maestro and director of the Illinois Symphony Band, entertained delegates and visiting members at the informal get-together in the Oval Room with the playing of the "Wearing of the Purple" song. Brother Alberti adapted the music to the lyrics

written by Miss Helen Vargon of South Heights, Pa.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta of San Francisco, Calif., showed his appreciation for the work of OSIA NEWS, and made a personal contribution for its continued success to A. Alfred Marcello, director.

Louis Moccia, supreme delegate, Lexington, Mass., had his hands full juggling busses and bus drivers in carrying out his duties as transportation chairman.

Dr. A. L. Ventura, Norristown, Pa., dean of the Supreme Council, wore that perpetual smile of his well and attended all convention activities, despite the fact that a few months ago he was critically ill.



# Four Officials Presented Awards

BOSTON—Outstanding service awards were presented to four members of the Order at a luncheon held the closing day of the Supreme convention.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi presented the service plaques to Past Supreme Venerable Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass.; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, and Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside, Pa.

In other presentations:

A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., director of OSIA NEWS, presented a bound volume of copies of the Order's national newspaper dating from October 1946 to August 1957, to Judge Forte, in recognition of the Judge's service as Supreme Ven-

erable and as Ex-Supreme Venerable.

Mrs. Giulia Besozzi, San Francisco, Supreme Trustee, presented a gift to Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi, first lady of the Order and sister of the Supreme Venerable.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, San Francisco, presented a gift to Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

Speakers included the recipients of the service plaques, John A. Volpe, national home chairman; and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain.

Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino was toastmaster.



## GOVERNOR FURCOLO EXTENDS BAY STATE WELCOME

Gov. Foster Furcolo, an honorary member of the Order, discusses convention highlights with officials at welcoming visit made at the State House. From left to right, Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela, Ashtabula, Ohio; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside, Pa.; Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; OSIA NEWS Director A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., national chairman of the Order's National Public Relations Committee; Louis Moccia, Belmont, Mass., Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable; Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, and Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia.

## Sidelights

Atty. Joseph E. Silverio, Allston, Mass., Past Grand Venerable and convention general chairman, added to his heavy schedule by serving as toastmaster at the convention banquet. He inadvertently transplanted some of the Supreme Lodge officers from one state to another and decided he'd bring the house down when he announced Supreme Trustee Anthony E. Candela, Ashtabula, Ohio, as coming from Puerto Rico.

Joseph Furnari, West Roxbury, Mass., was a gracious clambake chairman... sympathetic to the discomfiture of the diners, he joined them in the deluge and soaked up his share of raindrops.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester, Mass., convention chairman of special gifts and keeper of the attractive miniature Paul Revere bowls, had a full-time job keeping alien hands away from the prize little souvenirs which were earmarked for delegates only.



## OFFICIALS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Recipients, from left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside, Pa.; Past Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, Ill.; Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, who made the presentations at a luncheon; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, and Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable.

## Mayor's Breakfast

### Hynes Host To Delegates

BOSTON — Mayor John B. Hynes was host to convention delegates at a breakfast held in the Oval Room.

The mayor drew applause from his guests when he delivered his opening remarks of welcome in Italian.

In praising the Italian-American people of Boston, he said he noted a change in the times.

He commented on the foundation laid by the early Italian immigrants in coming to Boston.

"The road was rough," he said, "but through hard work, they persevered."

He hailed the Sons of Italy of Boston "as representing some of our finest citizens."

#### Presentation

Mayor Hynes presented Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi with a miniature Paul Revere bowl.

An added highlight of the breakfast was the presentation of a tape recording of voices of Italian high school children in Bergamo reciting a poem in English written by the mayor, entitled "Boston."

The tape was recorded and played by Joseph C. D'Amato, Hyde Park, a member of Patria E Diritti Lodge No. 1011. Brother

in Italy as a Fulbright scholar. He was given the poem by Mayor Hynes prior to his departure with the hope that his Italian students in Bergamo would be able to master it in English.

## ORDER'S "FIRST LADY" HONORED



Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi, right, Grand Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and sister of Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, accepts gift at luncheon presented by Mrs. Giulia Besozzi, Supreme Trustee from San Francisco.



## PRINCIPALS AT MAYOR'S CONVENTION BREAKFAST

Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston, seated center, chats with officials of the Order at breakfast he gave to convention delegates at Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. Seated, left to right, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., Mayor Hynes, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; standing, left to right, Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass. Past Supreme Venerable, and Federal District Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Mass., Past Grand Venerable.





#### ASSISTANT SUPREME VENERABLES

Re-elected to a second term were, left to right, Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco; First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, and Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y.

#### SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

From left to right, Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa., and Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

#### By Acclamation

### Convention Re-elects Gorrasi

BOSTON — Atty. Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., re-elected by acclamation to a second two-year term, was installed as Supreme Venerable at impressive installation ceremonies.

Brother Gorrasi, first elected Supreme Venerable at the August 1957 Supreme convention in San Francisco, has been a member of the Supreme Council since 1951 when he was elected supreme orator at the 22nd Supreme convention held in this city.

He was named Second Assistant Supreme Venerable in 1953, an office established for the first time in the Order's history at the Tampa, Fla., Supreme convention.

Gorrasi was re-elected at the 1955 Golden Jubilee Supreme convention held in Philadelphia, and was elevated to the office of First Assistant Supreme Venerable in February 1957 following the resignation of the then Supreme Venerable George J. Spatz, Chicago attorney.

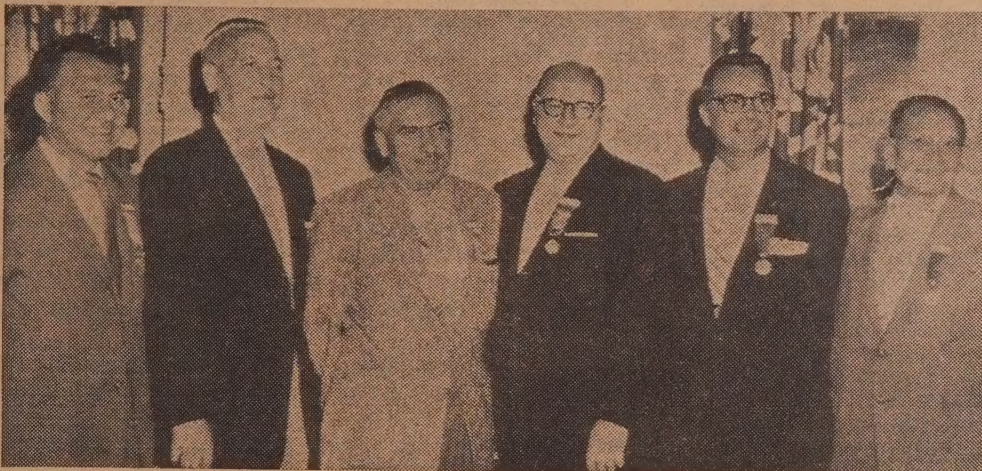
Other Supreme Lodge officers winning re-election were:

First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven; Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y.; Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia; Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Supreme Trustees re-elected:

Dr. A. L. Ventura, Norristown, Pa.; Charles Palazzolo, San Francisco; Silvio Perrella, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Peter Porzio, Chicago; Anthony E. Candella, Ashtabula, Ohio; Julius A. Pizzoferrato, Steubenville, Ohio; Italo D. Iaccheri, Richmond, Va.; Luigi Fiorentino, Miami, Fla.

Newly elected to the Supreme Council are, Supreme Trustees



#### NEWCOMERS TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Supreme Trustees elected at the 26th biennial Supreme Lodge convention held in Boston, are, from left to right, Modest Mele, Everett, Mass.; Frank Basil, Follansbee, W. Va.; Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Seattle, Wash.; Charles Caputo, Pittsburgh, Pa., Peter Gay, Taunton, Mass., and Joseph A. Nigro, Glen Cove, N. Y.

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#### Italian Culture

### Language Study Needs Stressed

BOSTON—The Order's Italian Culture Committee report to delegates stressed the importance of introducing the study of the Italian language in elementary schools throughout the country.

First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, committee chairman, introduced a four-point Italian study program reported on by Stephen Maffini, San Francisco, chairman of the California Order's Italian Language and Culture Committee.

The four-point program called for:

- (1) The study of the Italian language at the elementary level, either at regular schools or by private classes.
- (2) Italian language contests to be held below the college level and at the college level.
- (3) Colleges to accept foreign language credits in more than one foreign language.
- (4) Qualified outstanding persons to address formal sessions of the convention on subjects within the definition of cultural advancement and cultural relations.

#### Governor's Luncheon

### Supreme Venerable Honored

BOSTON—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi was honored at a luncheon given by Gov. Foster Furcolo in the Venetian Room of the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel.

The Massachusetts chief executive, an honorary member of the Order, presented Supreme Venerable Gorrasi with a silver service tray.

Speakers included Governor Furcolo, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Green Harbor, Mass., and Past Grand Venerable Joseph B. Silverio, Allston, convention general chairman.

Domenic Agropino, of the governor's staff, was toastmaster.

Governor Furcolo, who was made an honorary member early in 1958, drew laughter from the audience when he spoke of his continued delay in becoming a regular member of the Springfield, Mass., Lodge.

He told the delegates that he had intended to join the Sons of Italy a number of years ago, but circumstances were such that he was prevented from joining because of schooling, then because of his campaigning for Congress and finally for state office.

"Last year I was honored by the Sons of Italy," he said, "and was made an honorary member."

"At that time, I informed the Springfield Men's Lodge in my part of the woods that the time

had finally arrived that I could now become a regular member. Since making the announcement, I have waited and no one has approached me yet.

"I again wish to announce to the Springfield crowd that I am now available," he said.

#### Insurance

### Grant Study Committee More Time

BOSTON — The Order's National Insurance Committee has been granted a continuance in its study to institute an actuarial system for the Order.

The move followed a report submitted by Nicholas Cipriani, Philadelphia, grand orator of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge and convention chairman of the National Insurance Committee.

Cipriani, in pointing up the need for a national insurance system for the Order, said the benefits accrued would provide unity and strength as well as a sound financial structure.

He said the Order could not be set up under a national charter because of the supremacy of the states in insurance matters.

The insurance system would have to be instituted in a given state, he said, and introduced into other states.

He asked for an appropriation of \$5000 to be used in part to employ actuaries for advice on an instruction needed in the overall program.

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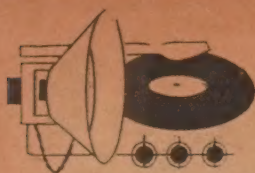
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## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

London has done it again. Two of Tchaikovsky's most popular releases, **SWAN LAKE** and **THE NUTCRACKER** have been released in stereo and sonically they are unexcelled. Ernest Ansermet conducts L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in both works. And in each instance, Ansermet and the orchestra perform brilliantly. Somehow Ansermet and L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande seem to go together. They have consistently come up with top performances.

In **THE NUTCRACKER** recording Ansermet and the orchestra are especially effective where light touches are required. In the **SWAN LAKE** disc Ansermet has omitted some sections of the original score, but this does not detract from the overall performance which is replete with character and penetration.

Two excellent releases for the collector of Tchaikovsky recordings.

### Warner Releases

Smooth is the word for Warner Bros. new disc **GONE WITH THE WIND**. This is a handsome piece of work. This is the first time that the haunting music of the movie "Gone With the Wind" has been recorded in its entirety. The British conductor, Muir Mathieson conducts the Sinfonia of London and a beautiful performance it is.

On side one is the unforgettable "Tara's Theme," "The Prayer" and "Scarlet O'Hara." Side two, of course, ends on the song, "Return to Tara."

Another new Warner Bros. release is **BERNSTEIN'S BROADWAY**. This, too, is done in excellent taste. David Terry and his orchestra play the show music of Leonard Bernstein — "West Side Story," "Wonderful Town," "On the Town," and "Candide."

### Telefunken Label

London's new Telefunken label offers a wide variety of recorded music at bargain prices. The Telefunken catalogue numbers a half dozen or so Beethoven symphonies and string quartets, Strauss waltzes and overtures and a smattering of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Wagner and Borodin. They have been recorded both in stereo and monaural. Quite a buy at \$1.98 for monaural and \$2.98 for stereo.

We have heard a dozen or so

## Millennium At Long Last

A new album has been introduced by RCA Victor which may have some far-reaching results on future recordings. The RCA Victor recording features two old warhorses, Tchaikovsky's 1812 **OVERTURE** and Ravel's **BOLERO** in revolution-engineering process which, among other things, promises to eliminate the bugaboo of static and dust. Time alone will tell the efficacy of this innovation. RCA Victor claims it has solved the problem of dust and static by adding to the disc "mix" a formula known as "X 317 X."

The stereo sound is excellent. Morton Gould conducts an orchestra comprising some of New York's top-flight musicians in both works. Gould's conducting has its lapses, particularly in **BOLERO** where his interpretations certainly don't jibe with Ravel's intention.

## A Collector's 'Must' Item

One of the small record companies, Lyricord, has come up with a fascinating record of vocal music called **ITALIAN MUSIC IN THE AGE OF EXPLORATION**. The music is mostly from the early 1500s. The most striking feature of this recording is the separation achieved in stereo recording.

The songs may not be familiar to most music-lovers, but this is one record the avid collector will want for pleasant and casual listening.

Of these Telefunken discs. The sound is good. Some surface noise on one or two records, but this is of no consequence.

The artists may not be familiar to most Americans, but there is no questioning their ability. The Berlin Municipal Orchestra with Arthur Rother conducting do a competent job with a number of **JOHANN STRAUSS OVERTURES**. This is also true of the Symphony Orchestra of the Belgian National Radio with Franz Andre conducting a brace of **FRENCH OVERTURES**.

This same combination give delightful performances in two other recordings, Tchaikovsky's **NUTCRACKER SUITE** and Respighi's **THE PINES OF ROME** and **THE FOUNTAINS OF ROME**.

Telefunken label also offers a good choice of popular music including **ENCHANTED TANGOS**, featuring Bela Sanders and his orchestra. This makes lovely mood music for casual listening.

Another treat is **HAMMOND SENSATIONS**. Jazz on the electric organ is the best description of this intriguing disc. Klaus Wunderlich and his group have a gay time swinging with "It's Only a Paper Moon," "Deep Purple," and "Tico-Tico."

### Haydn's Symphonies

Vanguard has a completely satisfying recording of Haydn's **SYMPHONY NO. 100 IN D MAJOR (Military)** and **101 (Clock)** with Mogens Woldike conducting the Vienna State Orchestra. We heard the stereo version and we found the sound excellent. Woldike's reading is good, particularly in the last movement of the Military Symphony.

Joseph Krips conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra gives a top-notch interpretation of Haydn's **SYMPHONIES NO. 99 IN E-FLAT AND NO. 95 IN G MAJOR (Surprise)**. This is also a stereo recording and as such a beautiful job of engineering. It's on the London label.

London has also recorded two other Haydn works, **SYMPHONY NO. 96 IN D MAJOR (Miracle)** and **SYMPHONY NO. 104 IN D MAJOR (London)**. Karl Munchinger conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Lovely, flowing performance, in stereo.

## New Year Issue

# Appeal To Our Readers

Last month **OSIA NEWS** mailed more than 700 letters to lodges and individual members requesting advertising for its New Year edition to be published in January 1960.

This year's appeal for financial assistance through New Year advertising looms greater than any appeal made in past years.

Limited funds coupled with an expanding number of projects forced the delegates at the August Supreme convention to hold **OSIA NEWS** to its 1957 budget figure.

### Increased Costs

Since the 1957 Supreme convention, however, we have added more than 3000 new names to our mailing list, and, our monthly expenditures in mechanical and administrative costs have risen accordingly.

To avoid any cutbacks **OSIA NEWS** must have the cooperation of each of our readers. We urge you to bring this appeal to the attention of your lodge.

The letter by **OSIA NEWS** Director A. Alfred Marcello follows:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Next month **OSIA NEWS** completes 13 consecutive years of publication. We believe that in these 13 years we have made many friends throughout the United States and Canada. And once a year, usually at this time, we write our friends and ask them to support our program. This is such an appeal. Our friends have made it possible for us to do many things we ordinarily could not have done without their help.

So once again we are asking our friends to help us by giving financial assistance to **OSIA NEWS** in the form of complimentary advertising during the coming holidays.

We are growing with each passing year and our needs are greater than they have ever been. We sincerely hope we can count on your generous support.

If you are not a venerable nor recording secretary will you be kind enough to bring this letter to the attention of your respective lodge. At the same time will you please explain that in many cases letters have not been sent directly to the venerable or recording secretary because we do not have a proper list of such names.

At this writing the New Year may seem quite distant, but we are taking into consideration that lodges must meet to appropriate funds for the placing of a complimentary ad in the special issue.

Then there is the question of a deadline. We must receive your advertising copy no later than Monday, December 7, 1959.

These complimentary ads will be used in either the December 1959 or the January 1960 issues at the discretion of **OSIA NEWS**.

May we hear from you soon?

Faternally yours,  
A. ALFRED MARCELLO  
Director

## Supreme Chaplain's Corner

# Man's Greatest Interest

BY RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

Man's greatest interest and concern is the **SALVATION OF HIS IMMORTAL SOUL**. All his other interests, such as: health, wealth, material progress, even life itself, are secondary in importance. Therefore, all his thoughts, words and actions should be directed primarily to this all-important end, namely, the salvation of his soul. This is the main purpose of his existence on this earth.

A person may amass riches and great possessions during his lifetime; he may acquire a name that will be respected by all people; he may reach the very pinnacle of human glory so that, in the eyes of the world he will be considered a most successful man. But, at the end of his mortal life, if he loses his soul, he loses all, because he has failed miserably in the very purpose



of his existence. All his riches, and honors, and glory will not purchase for him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Lord has said this in so many words: "WHAT WILL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND SUFFER THE LOSS OF HIS SOUL; or, what will man give in exchange for his immortal soul?"

A businessman who does not know his business, or does not take care of it, will soon become a failure.

Your business is the salvation of your soul. Do you know your business? Do you work at your business?

## From The Binghamton (N.Y.) Sun

# FITTING RECOGNITION

Any history of the United States could not be written without paying tribute to the Americans of Italian ancestry who contributed so much to the discovery, exploration, its development, and its present position among the governments of the world.

It is particularly fitting that such a tribute should be paid upon the 438 anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. Peter T. Campon, himself an immigrant from Italy, is doing a wonderful work in bringing forcibly to the minds of other Americans the position held by the Italian immigrant in this country.

Through his talks at service club meetings, he is awakening in the minds of hundreds of men the appreciation of the contribution Italy has made, not only to the United States but, to the world. Everyone can recall a few great Italian names.

In fact, the history of art, medicine, science, music or any other great form of human endeavor cannot be written without including some of these men. And yet, few of us really appreciate what the country of Columbus has done and the position it holds.

Her sons are scattered throughout the world. They are helping to create and to build. Never forgetting the homage and love which a man should have for his mother country, they are still loyal citizens of their adopted countries.

The history of our country is dotted with names of Italian leaders.

And yet, some of us Americans in the pride of our citizenship call them Wops and Dagos. Such epithets fail to hurt the Italian. Rather than becoming angry, he pities the ignorance of the man who can find no better description of the descendant of a Dante or a Raphael than Wop or Dago.

Italy, the country of sunshine, has given the world and the United States of her sons that other lands might make use of them to achieve greatness.

Let us, then, respect our fellow citizens of Italian parentage. Let us give them honor for what their ancestors have done and for what they, themselves, are today accomplishing in this, our mutual country.

Truly the Italian owes no apology for being in the United States. Certainly, Italians have done their share in making America prosperous and to take its place in the sun.

And so, on this Columbus Day, let us give a thought to the race and nation of Christopher Columbus. Let us extend the hand of friendship to those who might be our neighbors and who should be our friends.

The Binghamton, N.Y. Sun editorial you have just read is not of recent vintage. It goes back to Oct. 10, 1930. Peter T. Campon, a member of the Binghamton Lodge, and a frequent contributor to **OSIA NEWS**, culled the editorial from his files.

He sent a copy to Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello to underscore the point that Americans of Italian origin, as an ethnic group, must constantly be on the alert to safeguard their precious heritage.

Twenty nine years ago, pioneers like Brother Campon were fighting the battle of "Wops and Dagos." Now in 1959, in this enlightened age, we are fighting the stigma of the Mafia.

This is no time or place for short memories!

The Director



da Ernesto L. Biagi

## Punti... Interrogativi.? Ed Esclamativi.!

Alla Convenzione Suprema ci siamo divertiti ad osservare a facili-  
tando da reporters cercando di  
evitare pettegolezzi e malignità,  
dando allo stesso tempo a Ce-  
sare quello che e' di Cesare.

Le Grandi Logge piu' affiliate  
e in completa armonia, conti-  
nuano ad essere la Pennsylvania  
e la California... Grazie ai tri-  
nomi BBB e CCC!

Il Supremo Delegato Eugenio  
Vittorio Apice, si vantava delle  
sue iniziali EVA, che sono uguali  
a quelle del suo Grande Vene-  
rabile Eugenio V. Alessandrini.  
... Ma si vantava soprattutto dei  
suoi 17 (dico diciassette!) figli, e  
altrettanti generi e nuore, che  
gli hanno regalati la bellezza di  
57 nipoti e, finora, una dozzina di  
pronipoti. Diceva Apice: "Ho do-  
vuto lavorare giorno e notte!  
giorno e notte!" e la Suprema  
Delegata Teresa Scanzani del  
Mass. ha suggerito "Specialmen-  
te di notte, specialmente di notte!  
Bless you!"

Il "Merry Go Round" del  
Sheraton Plaza, era il luogo pre-  
ferito d'incontro di quelli che,  
beati loro! trovano molto tempo  
per quello che essi chiamano "re-  
laxation."... Tra gli altri abba-  
mo notato un gruppo di gentili  
signore, incluse Josephine Par-  
rillo, Sue Biagi, Mary Cernuto,  
Catherine Chenet, tutte delle  
Pennsylvania, et Julia Besozzi di  
San Francisco, Connie (Sophie-  
Tucker) Andreottola del Mass.,  
e Josephine Lavey di Toronto,  
Canada, che si erano fatte fre-  
quentatrici affezionate del pos-  
to!

I Supremi Delegati, di tutti gli  
Stati e dalle Province del Cana-  
da hanno scoperto che l'arte  
culinaria italo-americana di Bis-  
ton, non e' seconda a nessun'al-  
tra... e convergono nel ricono-  
scere che tutti i restaurants "sco-  
perti" sono famosi anche per i  
prezzi delle vivande... secondi  
a nessuno... Giro's, La Cantina  
Italiana, Nino Biagi, Felicia,  
Stella, ecc.! Cibi e prezzi saporiti-  
ssimi!

### Un Comitato "A Piripocchia"

Un comitato "a piripocchia" li  
ha messi in lista ciascuno con un  
soprannome... indicativo:

Attilio Raeta—Fruits and Nuts  
Edwin T. Charriott—Il Novello  
Americo Di Francesco—Baby  
Face

John Sartor—Il Gigante  
Humphrey Serritella—Humph!  
Sam Culotta—The White Hope  
Paul D'Agostino—The Saint  
Frank Palleria—Immortale  
Carmine Ventiera—The  
Emperora

Judge Alessandrini—Mr.  
Sons of Italy

Luigi Scala—Il Salutorium  
Frank Montagna—Take me  
back

Angelo Viani—Lumachella  
Anthony Farano—God Save  
the Queen

Frank Malvasio—Je m'en  
fiche!

Biagi, "IL" Grande Segretario  
della Pennsylvania, a questa  
Convenzione aveva una voce che  
somigliava a un fog-horn tanto  
era arrochito! Ma... soltanto  
chi non ha voluto sentire...  
non ha sentito!

Il Dott. Nicola Sarro, ex Gran-  
de Venerabile del Washington-  
Oregon, e' stato elevato alla ca-  
rica di Supremo Curatore...  
Non si poteva dare al caro Dot-  
tore carica migliore, giacche tra  
tutti i medici "curatori" egli ver-  
amente... cura!

Quando quelli che scrivono i  
giornali si mettono insieme a  
discutere... soltanto loro sanno  
quello che dicono... Ecco per-  
che' tutti hanno lasciati soli Mar-  
cello, Maino, Palleria, Frasca,  
Melella, Biagi e Padre Capuano  
... quando o per combinazione,  
a per disegno, si sono messi a  
discutere di cose che riguardano  
il quarto, potere!

I Grandi Venerabili... God  
bless them all!

Li vedi e non li vedi... vanno

e vengono... dicono e tacciono  
... mangiano e digiunano... In  
ordine alfabetico dei loro Stati:  
Attilio Raeta della California,  
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Delaware, John B. Sartor della  
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del New York, Eugene V. Ales-  
sandrini della Pennsylvania,  
Luigi Scala di Rhode Island,  
Frank Montagna di Virginia, An-  
gelo Viani di West Virginia, An-  
thony Farano e Frank Malvasio  
delle due Grande Logge del Cana-  
da.

Frank Bosco, la Sentinella, an-  
cora vuol sapere dove sono an-  
dati a finire i famosi Boston-  
Baked-Beans! Pare che siano in  
completa decadenza... dal gus-  
to dei bostoniani e dall'indiffer-  
enza dei ristoranti!

Palleria, Cocco, Scala, Biagi  
hanno formato una societa' della  
lingua italiana... per la sua  
conservazione... per la sua di-  
fesa... per la sua protezione  
... dagli assassini, dai prepo-  
tenti che la maltrattano e dagli  
indifferenti che la trascurano!

Quanti altri ci sono ancora nel-  
l'Ordine Figli d'Italia che cono-  
scono questa Signora Lingua  
Italiana, da poterla presentare  
ad altri?

FORSE fara' un caldo da mo-  
rire, MA Washington e' sempre  
la bellissima Capitale degli Sta-  
ti Uniti! PERCIO' sentiamo di  
poter fare la piu' vive congra-  
tulazioni al "Comitato per la  
scelta della Citta' per la pros-  
sima Suprema Convenzione"  
per averle dato la preferenza! Le  
altre dovranno aspettare! e i  
Delegati che vanno alle Con-  
venzioni per fare le VACANZE do-  
vanno aspettare!

CALIFORNIA ha gia' lanciato  
la campagna per il 1967!

Chi vuole andare in California  
per la Suprema Convenzione del  
1967 alzi la mano! E tutti al-  
zano anche i piedi!

Venerable George J. Spatuzza,  
Chicago, Region 3, and Ex-Grand  
Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio,  
Pittsburg, Calif., Region 4.

Delegates were given a com-  
plete run-down on the commit-  
tee's activities since its estab-  
lishment following the August  
1957 Supreme convention at San  
Francisco.

Volpe reported that following  
several trips to Washington late  
in 1957, the committee recom-  
mended the purchase of the for-  
mer Yugoslav Embassy, a four-  
story brick building located at  
1600 Massachusetts avenue, a  
short distance from the White  
House. The site was inspected by  
members of the Supreme Execu-  
tive Council and several members  
of the committee. Approval for  
the purchase was given by the  
Supreme Executive Council meet-  
ing at Boston in February 1958.  
Volpe also reported that the

### Attention... All Lodge Chairmen

Lodge chairmen are remind-  
ed that all checks or money  
orders solicited in the fund-  
raising campaign should be  
made out to The Sons of Italy  
Foundation.

John A. Volpe, national home  
chairman, requests all lodge  
chairmen to make frequent re-  
mittances of contributions so-  
licited to their respective state  
chairman.

In this manner, he said, all  
state chairmen will be able to  
ascertain the progress of the  
drive in their respective state.

committee, after a careful sur-  
vey, recommended to the Su-  
preme Council meeting in Sep-  
tember in Washington that the  
structure be razed to street level  
because of the advanced age of  
the building and its weakened  
foundation. Approval was granted  
and bids were sought for the  
demolition. The building was  
razed in April of this year.

#### Purchase Price Paid

At the present time, Volpe said,  
payment has been made for the  
original purchase and demolition  
through the \$1.00 assessment  
levied for the Order's home.

In describing the new home,  
he said construction of the  
building will typify the modern  
building trend of new structures  
now being erected in Italy.

The location proper is at 16  
street and N street. The frontage  
on Massachusetts avenue is 72.40  
feet; 32 feet on 16 street, 66.77  
feet on N street and 62.14 feet,  
abutting property next to it.

The front of the building will  
face Scott Circle. Within the  
Circle is a statue of the noted  
U. S. Senator, Daniel Webster of  
Massachusetts.

The firm of Chatelain, Gauger  
and Nolan, Architects, of Wash-  
ington, D. C., have been engaged  
for the project.

The new home will be two  
stories high, with a full basement  
almost entirely above ground.  
The basement will contain a  
boiler room, garage space, a small  
meeting room, a kitchen and  
lounge.

#### Memorial Hall

The first floor plan includes  
office facilities, memorial hall for  
display of historic, artistic and  
cultural exhibits and a board of  
directors room.

The second floor will contain  
a small hall which will seat 250  
people at a meeting or 125 at a  
dinner. The floor plan also in-  
cludes a kitchen and lounge.

The Order's new home will  
have an attractive retaining wall  
encircling the portion of the  
raised basement and a series of  
steps rising to the front door.

The retaining wall, which will  
rise to the height of the first  
floor level, will contain blank  
slabs upon which can be inscribed  
outstanding events in the history  
of the Order, the Italian-Ameri-  
can people and Italy.

In concluding his report, Volpe  
re-emphasized the simplicity  
with which the Order's goal may  
be realized within the shortest  
possible time... the solicitation  
of the sum of \$3.00 by each mem-  
ber of the Order in this country  
and in Canada.

### Delegates Get Cortese Report On Foundation

BOSTON — The newly created  
Sons of Italy Foundation will en-  
able members of the Order and  
others to make tax-exempt con-  
tributions to the Foundation.

This was the gist of a report  
submitted to the Supreme Lodge  
convention by Americo V. Cor-  
tese, Philadelphia, president of  
the Order's National Historical  
Society.

Cortese, who is Assistant Grand  
Venerable of the Pennsylvania  
Order, said the Order at the pres-  
ent time is exempt from payment  
of federal income tax because of  
its lodge system.

He said, however, that any  
contributions received by the  
Order for any worthy cause or  
for any program underway is not  
tax exempt.

#### Foundation Donation's Exempt

Through the establishment of  
the Sons of Italy Foundation, any  
donations received by the Order  
for activities concerned exclu-  
sively with religion, culture, edu-  
cation, etc., would become tax  
exempt, he said.

He said his committee, through  
its legal advisers, received an in-  
formal approval from the Inter-  
nal Revenue Department in  
Washington for the creation of a  
foundation.

The foundation will apply for  
formal approval after one year  
of operation, he said.

Cortese said once approval has  
been granted, the Order may use  
the money donated to the founda-  
tion for the erection of a memo-  
rial home in Washington, D.C.,  
to house the National Historical  
Society and Garibaldi-Meucci  
Memorial Museum, presently lo-  
cated on Staten Island, N. Y.

#### Historical Society Report

In his report on the Historical  
Society, Cortese requested an ap-  
propriation of \$5000, the money  
to be used in part to pay for re-  
search in establishing the nation-  
al origin of William Paca, a  
signer of the Declaration of Inde-  
pendence.

He said the Society has distrib-  
uted two pamphlets dealing with  
the lives of Filippo Mazzei and  
Paolo Busti, during the past two  
years and plans to distribute a  
third pamphlet on an outstanding  
Italian-American of the 19th  
Century. The work will be written  
by Dr. Lino S. Lipinsky, museum  
curator of exhibits.

Reporting on the Garibaldi-  
Meucci Memorial Museum, Cor-  
tese noted that more than 2000  
persons visited the museum last  
year.

He said group visits were  
made by the Italian Consulate  
office in New York City and the  
International Law Association,  
who were guests of the Italian  
Foreign Office.

On October 9, the 151st anni-  
versary of the birth of Meucci,  
ceremonies will be held at the  
museum and a wreath will be  
placed at the tomb of Meucci,  
Cortese said.

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for the foundation, our goal for  
the national home should be an  
accomplished fact by March  
1960," he said.

All contributions made to the  
foundation, he said, will be tax  
deductible.

The foundation will be admin-  
istered by three trustees: Supreme  
Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Wo-  
burn, Mass.; Supreme Financial  
Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis,  
Philadelphia, and Supreme Rec-  
ording Secretary Joseph A. L.  
Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

Volpe also announced that in-  
dividuals contributing \$5.00 to  
the foundation drive will receive  
a marble certificate. Other gifts,  
to be announced soon, will be  
awarded to those persons making  
a more substantial contribution.  
As the first step in the nation-

wide drive, Volpe reported that  
40,000 circulars will be mailed to  
readers of OSIA NEWS through  
the facilities of the Order's na-  
tional newspaper.

(Editor's note: The 40,000 cir-  
culars were mailed by OSIA  
NEWS during the second week  
of September.)

The circular carries an appeal  
by the national chairman, a  
drawing of the proposed home  
and general information as to its  
location, purpose and facilities.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi is  
honorary chairman of the fund  
drive. Regional chairmen are,  
President Judge Eugene V. Ales-  
sandrini, Philadelphia, Grand  
Venerable of the Pennsylvania  
Order, Region 1; Supreme Deputy  
William Amoroso, Washington,  
D. C., Region 2; Ex-Supreme



# Bulletin Charts Columbus Day Publicity Plans

National Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello, has sent the following advisory bulletin to key officials throughout the order.

Columbus Day will soon be here and it will be time again for the "Wearing of the Purple." Lodges and individual members throughout the Order did an excellent job last year, but this year the display of purple on Columbus Day should be even more impressive.

Purple is now the official color of the Order and in every city and town where there are lodges there should be fitting observances in honor of the "Great Navigator"—Christopher Columbus.

To get the maximum publicity on the "wearing of the purple," may I as chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations suggest the following:

Arrange with newspapers in your community to have photographs taken of an official of the Order pinning a purple colored object on the lapel of some distinguished personality. It could be the governor of your state, the mayor or a high church dignitary.

The object should be a purple boutonniere, preferably an Aster, the official flower of the Order.

Do this a few days in advance of your particular observance.

Make arrangements immediately. Contact the person you plan to have in the picture first and then make the necessary arrangements with your local newspaper.

Don't clutter up the picture with too many persons. Restrict the number of persons to two or three at the most.

Copies of all pictures taken along those lines should be mailed to the Chairman of the National Committee on Public Relations for use in OSIA NEWS or for other publicity purposes.

At this writing we know of several Grand Lodges who have made plans for pictures as we have suggested. These will be used in OSIA NEWS.

Will yours be among those to be published?

## Philadelphia Observance

PHILADELPHIA—The crowning of a queen, a parade and awarding of scholarships, are some of the highlights of the forthcoming two-day Columbus Day celebration being planned by the Grand Lodge in this city.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, is general chairman; Grand Orator Nicholas Cipriani is executive chairman.

A memorial Mass, parade, pageant and coronation will be held October 11, and the banquet will be held October 12 at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Scholarship

awards will be made at the banquet.

Members of the executive committee include, Mayor Richard Dilworth, honorary chairman; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, corresponding secretary; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, financial secretary, and Robert M. Urbani, treasurer.

Vice presidents are: Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Louis Amarando, Frank Anastasio, John Bonanni, Ralph Borrelli, William Cibotti, Joseph Comito, Anthony Croce, John P. Crisconi, Della Porta, Philip DeLuca and Victor J. DiNubile.

## To Crown Queen at Miami

MIAMI — The crowning of the Sons of Italy Queen of Miami, Miss Carol Ann Comito, will highlight the Columbus Day celebration planned by members of Miami Lodge No. 1995.

Miss Camito, a student at the University of Miami, will participate in the pageant to be held in the Miami Lodge building.



In advancing the "wearing of the purple" theme, the hall will be decorated with purple flowers.

The ticket committee has prepared an admission ticket with an imprint in purple of the Columbus statue donated by the Grand Lodge several years ago to the University of Miami.

An added highlight of the celebration will be the presentation of awards to winners of an essay

contest, What Columbus Day Means To Me. Judges will include officials of the Board of Public Instruction of Florida and members of the local press. Competing are students from Dade County High School.

John Galgano is general chairman and is being assisted by Atty. Sarino R. Costanzo, co-chairman, and Mrs. Jay Furnari.

## WASHINGTON

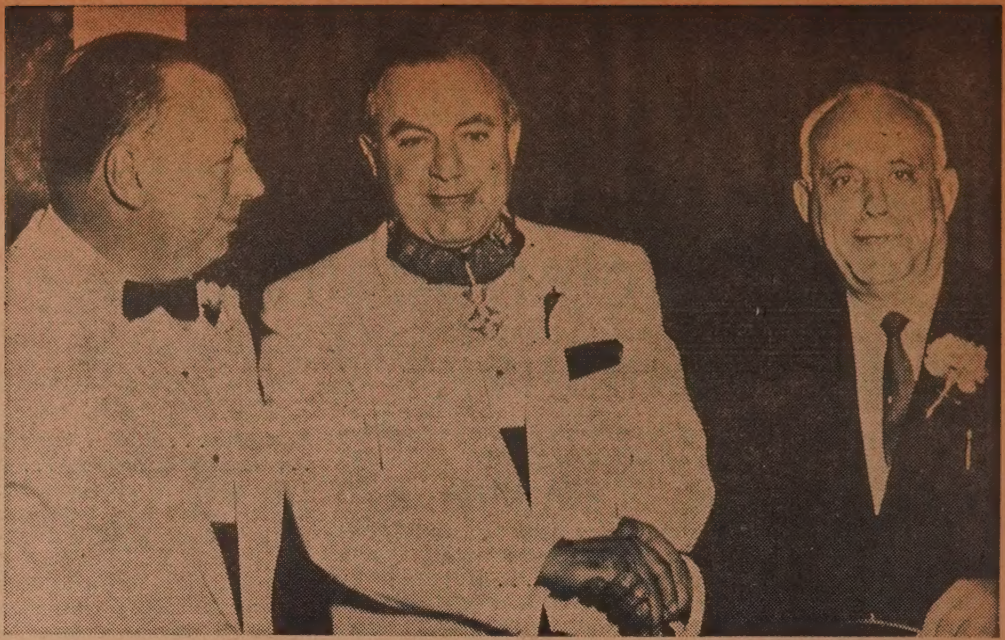
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by holding the convention in that city."

Other areas submitting bids for consideration for the 1961 convention were, Miami, Fla.; New Orleans; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; New York State, and Rome, Italy.

Commenting on the possibility of holding the 1961 convention in Rome, Biagi said:

"While there has been a great deal of discussion and interest in holding the convention in Rome in 1961, the committee agreed that the cost to delegates would be exceedingly high and that the Order would benefit very little, if at all, by meeting in Rome."



## ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HONORS OHIO GRAND VENERABLE

State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, E. Cleveland, center, re-elected Grand Venerable at the Ohio Grand convention receives congratulations of Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., right, on being conferred the Order of Merit, with the rank of Commander by the Republic of Italy. At right is Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, a member of the Toledo Lodge.



## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AT ONTARIO, CANADA

Elected at the Ontario 16th Grand convention held at Thorold were, seated left to right, Ex-Grand Venerable Joseph Dennis, Niagara Falls; Grand Administrative Secretary Mrs. Josephine Lavey, Welland; Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto; Assistant Grand Venerable Guy Pizzo, Thorold; Grand Treasurer Philip Rocco, Welland; standing, left to right, Grand Deputy Michael Sanzosti, SS. Marie; Grand Trustee Nicholas Zaffiro, Hamilton; Grand Orator Russell Romanelli, Hamilton; Grand Trustees Thomas Tronzo, Thorold; Arthur Marcella, Brantford, and Chester Nini, Toronto. Grand Trustee Louis Ranalli was absent when photo was taken.

## 3-Day Festival at Worcester, Mass.

WORCESTER, Mass. — in this community where the idea for the "wearing of the purple" on Columbus Day originated, has come a new gimmick to further the Order's cause — bumper strips.

The bumper strip, printed in bold purple letters, carries the wording, "Wear Purple on Columbus Day." It is the idea of Albert P. DeAngelis, a member of Christopher Columbus Lodge No. 168, and parade chairman for the three-day Columbus Day Festival which begins October 10.

Highlights of the three-day festival being sponsored by four area lodges includes, a memorial Mass, a tag day, a dinner-dance, and a lawn party and dance.

General chairmen and their respective participating lodges are: Domenic Conto, Columbus Lodge; Mrs. Catherine J. Razzano, Princess Marie Gabriele Ladies' Lodge No. 313; Louis Basalissa, Shrewsbury Men's Lodge, and Mrs. Antoinette Winters, Shrewsbury Women's Lodge.

The tag day will be held Saturday, Oct. 10; the memorial Mass will be held Sunday at St. Ann's Church, Shrewsbury, followed with a parade here in the afternoon and a dinner-dance in the evening; the lawn party and dance will be held Columbus Day at the Columbus Hall.

Executive committee members are, Venerable John J. Bello,

Venerable Gladys T. Bello, Venerable Priscilla DiLeo, Venerable John Sciascia, honorary general chairmen; Mrs. Guilda C. Southard, secretary, and Aspreno P. Ciccirelli, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are, Mrs.

Edith M. Romano, tickets; Mrs. Rose G. Porcaro, publicity; Mrs. Winters, award; Conto, banquet; Mrs. Razzano, reception; Bassilissa, speakers; Mrs. Mary Alicandro and Alfred Betti, tag day; Ignazio Colombo and Catherine Lacono, patrons, and Mrs. Josephine Colombo, entertainment.

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